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1. IN VIEW FOUR WEEK TIME FRAME FOR SPRAYING RICE CROP IT NECESSARY MOVE ON RESPONSE INVOLVING BOTH CHEMICALS AND APPLICATION EQUIPMENT, EVEN THOUGH INFORMATION STILL LIMITED ON AREAS AND SCHEDULES INVOLVED AND ON IN-COUNTRY STOCKS AND EQUIPMENT. FIRST, WE PROCESSING SPECIAL, NON-DL, GRANT FOR THIS PURPOSE; NEXT, WE NOW PREPARED TO PURCHASE CHEMICALS FOR 600 THOUSAND ACRES, AIRLIFT CHEMICALS, AND RESOLVE PROBLEMS OF EQUIPMENT IF YOU WISH US PROCEED. ADVISE IMMEDIATE.

2. CHEMICALS. DIAZINON CAN BE OBTAINED FROM MANUFACTURER AT RATE OF APPROXIMATELY 150 THOUSAND POUNDS DAILY FOR AIRLIFT. SUPPLY DOES NOT APPEAR PROBLEM.

3. APPLICATION EQUIPMENT. BEST COMBINATION APPEARS TO BE SYSTEM OWNED BY U.S. FOREST SERVICE FOR FITTING IN TWO C-47 AIRCRAFT AS CITED REF (B) AND INSTALLATION OF LEASED EQUIPMENT IN US ARMY HELICOPTERS NOW IN PAKISTAN.

4. NEED YOUR IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ON LOCAL AVAILABILITY IN-COUNTRY C-47 AIRCRAFT AND SHOP FACILITIES PER REF (B) IN ORDER FINALIZE EQUIPMENT PLANS PREPARATORY TO MOUNTING PROGRAM.

5. AS WE MOUNT PESTICIDE PROGRAM BELIEVE YOU MAY WISH OBTAIN TDY SERVICES TEAM CONSISTING OF ENTOMOLOGIST AND ONE OR MORE SPRAY OPERATIONS SPECIALISTS. CONTACTING INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED REF (A) FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION TEAM. ADVISE CONCURRENCE.

6. FYI: COST OF MOUNTING THIS PROGRAM FOR SINGLE SPRAY APPLICATION 600 THOUSAND ACRES SEEN BETWEEN TWO (2.0) AND TWO POINT EIGHT (2.8) MILLION DOLLARS; COST FOR TWO APPLICATIONS WILL BE APPROXIMATELY DOUBLED.

7. WILL RESPOND TECHNICAL QUESTIONS REF (A) PARA SIX SPETEL. RUSH

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